

Volunteers have lots of fun working as a team! Together we pull invasive weeds, replant, clean the beaches, and bring back the natural landscape.

Schedule a Project for Your Group!

Call or email the restoration volunteer coordinator to organize a group event, ask about individual opportunities, or be added to our email list. (contact information on back panel)

California State Parks relies on the work of volunteers to efficiently and effectively restore native habitat. We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from the community!

Half Moon Bay State Beach

95 Kelly Ave Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

For volunteer opportunities contact the restoration coordinator at hmbrestore@gmail.com

Phone: 650.726.8801

Directions to Francis Beach

From 280 or 101, head west on Hwy 92. From San Francisco, head south on Hwy 1. Turn right onto Kelly Ave in Half Moon Bay and continue west to Francis Beach. At the entrance kiosk, tell staff you are here for a restoration project. You will be given directions and a day-use parking pass.

Restoration project may be at another part of the State Beach. Directions to the specific project location will be included in any email communications.

Volunteer to Help Restore Native Habitat at

Half Moon Bay State Beach

Volunteers needed year-round!



Schedule a volunteer project for your school group, organization or corporate employees to provide team building and a chance to work outside in beautiful Half Moon Bay. Or come on your own, bring friends and family, and have fun while improving local ecosystems and meeting other members of the community.





A Changing Landscape

The marine terraces at Half Moon Bay were originally covered in native coastal scrub. Coastal development and agricultural practices changed the landscape. When the State of California acquired the land in 1955, cultivation ceased and the fields were soon dominated by non-native grasses and weeds.

Today, volunteers and restoration specialists are working to restore, protect and preserve the coastal scrub community.

When the restoration project started in 1996, 95% of the plants were non-native. Today many restoration areas contain an impressive 70-90% native species. As a result, local populations of native birds, insects and animals have increased dramatically.

Restore Coastal Wildlands

Join others in the community and help return Francis, Venice, Dunes, and Roosevelt Beaches to their native dune and coastal scrub habitats.

- Restore the native ecosystem
- Increase native wildlife habitat
- Protect biological diversity
- Increase community awareness through participation in stewardship activities



Non-native Ice Plant, from the coast of South Africa, and the California Golden Poppy, a native species.

Learn to Identify Native and Non-native Plants of the California Coast

Native species we plant:

Beach strawberry

Coast buckwheat

Coyote bush

Evening primrose

Gum plant

Lizard tail

Sagewort

Yarrow

Yellow bush lupine

Non-native species we

remove:

Bristly ox-tongue

Bull thistle

Cape ivy

Field mustard

Ice plant

New Zealand spinach

Poison hemlock

Wild radish

California State Parks supports equal access. If you need assistance, please call the park or dial 711, TTY relay.